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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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1. DRAFT FOR COMMUNIQUE:

2. PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GERALD FORD, AND MRS. FORD, VISITED YUGOSLAVIA (DATE) AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT TITO.

3. THE TWO PRESIDENTS HAD VERY USEFUL AND CORDIAL EXCAHANGES OF VIEWS ON WIDE-RANGING ISSUES DURING THEIR MEETING AND ON THE OCCASION OF THE LUNCH (DINNER) WHICH PRESIDENT TITO GAVE IN PRESIDENT FORD'S HONOR.

4. PRESIDENT FORD ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE PRESIDENCY, DR. VLADIMIR BAKARIC, PRESIDENT OF THE SFRY ASSEMBLY KIRO GLIGOROV, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DZEMAL BIJEDIC, LCY PRESIDUM MEMBER EDVARD KARDELJ, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP. MILOS MINIC, THE FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONDUCTED SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, AND THE TWO SECRETARIES WERE ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS.

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5. THE TWO SIDES WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH

PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT AFFORDED FOR A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN A FRIENDLY AND OPEN ATMOSPHERE, FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THESE CONTACTS, WHICH ALSO OCCUR AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN MANY AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, ARE VALUED BY BOTH COUNTRIES FOR THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE IN INCREASING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING BILATERAL RELATIONS.

6. PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT PROVIDED AN OCCASION FOR A THOROUGH REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND SUCCESSFULLY. IN CONVERSATIONS PRESIDENT FORD HAD WITH PRESIDENT TITO AND OTHERS, FURTHER STIMULUS WAS GIVEN TO THESE RELATIONS.

7. PROGRESS ALREADY MADE IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE WAS NOTED AND THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS BOTH PRACTICAL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. CONCRETE WAYS TO ACHIEVE EXPANSION IN THIS FIELD WERE DISCUSSED.

8. THE TWO SIDES RE-EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL AND OTHER FORMS OF EXCHANGES TO THE DEEPENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT. GIVEN THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF OVER A DECADE OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGES IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK WAYS AND MEANS TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY SUCH EXCHANGES, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, WHERE BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE MUCH TO OFFER EACH OTHER.

9. PRESIDENT TITO REITERATED YUGOSLAVIA'S INTENTION TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS, AND PRESIDENT FORD WARMLY WELCOMED YUGOSLAVIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS.

10. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE OTHER HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES,
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PARTICULARLY THE PART AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN HAVE LONG PLAYED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND IN ESTABLISHING LASTING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEIR NEW AND THEIR FORMER HOMELAND.

11. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR SHARING VIEWS ON THE SITUATION ON CYPRUS AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN OTHER CRITICAL

AREAS OF THE WORLD. PRESIDENT FORD INFORMED PRESIDENT TITO ABOUT EFFORTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN TO FOSTER A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE LATTER EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS DIRECTED TO THAT GOAL. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THE MUTUAL HOPE THAT AN EARLY AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH ACCORDS WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITIES AND COUNTRIES INVOLVED. THEY PARTICULARLY STRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO FOSTER NEGOTIATIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO SUCH A SOLUTION.

12. PRESIDENTS TITO AND FORD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION. THEY CONSIDER THAT EARNEST ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THE AGREEMENT'S SIGNATORIES PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO FULFILL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE'S IMPORTANT GOALS.

13. IN DISCUSSING CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, PRESIDENTS TITO AND FORD EMPHASIZED THAT INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS--DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING ALIKE--IS A KEY FACTOR IN THE SEARCH FOR JUST AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE BASIS FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT MUST BE FORGED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND GOODWILL, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR DIFFERING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ALL NATIONS. THE TWO PRESIDENTS RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN FOSTERING UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THESE PRINCIPLES.

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MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TITO TO REAFFIRM CONTINUING US INTEREST IN AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND NONALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT CONTINUE TO CHARACTERIZE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES.

15. THESE AND OTHER PRINCIPLES ORIGINALLY INCORPORATED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED OCTOBER 30, 1971 DURING PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, REMAIN THE TOUCHSTONES OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. THEY WILL REMAIN THE BASIS ON WHICH THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE.

16. (FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IF DESIRED: AGREEING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES, THE TWO SIDES

EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE PRACTICE OF REGULAR
CONTACTS. PRESIDENT FORD INVITED PRESIDENT TITO TO VISIT THE UNITED
STATES AND THE LATTER ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE.)
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